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Church-goers campaign to raise £130,000

■ A CAMPAIGN to raise £130,000 to replace the roof of St Martin's Church in North Perrott continued with a table-top sale in Crewkerne. Members of the church committee manned a table in Falkland Square on Friday November 21st. Photographed are Jacky Winder, Ruth Bevan-Mogg, Georgina Hoskyns (sitting down), Joanna Falkiner and Alva Walker. The next fundraiser is a concert with Parnham Voices in the North Perrott church on Sunday December 7th, starting at 3.30pm. Advance tickets (£8 for adults, to include afternoon tea) are available by phoning Georgina on 01460 72833, Joanna on 01460 76457 or Alison on 01460 76214.

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■ CAN WE FIX IT? Some of Yarlington Housing Group's female resident following the Ladies DIY course

FOLLOWING consultations with residents, a local housing association is tailoring training and learning solutions to suit residents' specific needs and requirements and has piloted its first course - a DIY course, run by women for women.

Sixteen residents joined Yarlington Housing Group staff at their Armoury Road site where they learnt and had the opportunity to practice a range of DIY skills, from using a drill to fitting wall plugs, wiring a plug, wall papering, painting and tiling or changing a toilet seat.

Karen Davy, communities manager at Yarlington, said: "We wanted to offer residents some basic training courses but equally wanted these to be something that would attract and be useful to them, so we asked residents what they would like to see and what would interest them.

"Our female residents told us they wanted to be able to ask those basic DIY questions in a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere and not feel a fool doing so; that was where the Ladies DIY course came from."

Resident Kerry Wood who took part in the day commented: "It's been fun and educational - I'm looking forward to wallpapering at home now!"

Resident Alison Doughty added: "It was very informative. I didn't feel silly asking lots of questions and it was great to learn about all those finishing touches which really make a difference."

Yarlington's partnering organisation Buildbase kindly supported the Ladies DIY day and provided materials and tools for the course. All attendees went home with a Dulux goody bag and two lucky residents won a DIY manual.

"It was an excellent day and great to see people getting involved, building friendships and sharing experience, said Ms Davy.

"As a result, residents are taking away valuable skills which they will be able to apply to their everyday life. We will definitely be holding more resident led courses in the future whereby our residents take the lead in expressing the training they want to see - I'm looking forward to seeing what they come up with next!"

Choirs to join forces for Advent concert

AXMINSTER and Yeovil Chamber Choirs will join forces to perform a concert called "A Banquet of Voices - Heavenly Music for Advent in Crewkerne and West Bay".

In all, more than 40 local singers will take part in the concerts, which will be directed by professional conductor Judy Martin, who leads both groups.

Judy said: "The idea for this programme came from a wish to be able to explore and perform elaborate sacred music with one of my local choirs

"Many of the pieces are in eight parts, so it seemed ideal to combine two small chamber ensembles to make the performance rich and strong."

Music by Tallis, Byrd, Victoria, Britten and Taverner, amongst others, will feature during the concerts, which take place at 7.30pm on Saturday, November 29th in Crewkerne Methodist Church and at 3pm on Sunday, November 30th in St John's Church, West Bay, near Bridport.

Tickets cost £10 (to include refreshments), and will be available on the door at both venues.

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Chard district councillor named first UK vice president at Congress of Council of Europe

SOUTH Somerset district councillor Nigel Mermagen has been elected as First Vice-President of the Congress of Council of Europe - the first time anyone from the UK has held the position.

The Council of Europe was established in Strasbourg in 1949 largely at the instigation of Winston Churchill, with the objective of promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law throughout Europe after the Second World War. It has grown over the years and now covers 47 countries including Russia and the European parts of the former Soviet Union.

The Congress, founded in 1994, is the local government section of the Council of Europe.

Councillor Mermagen, who represents Chard Avishayes, has been a member of the UK delegation since 2006, which consists of 36 elected members from all levels of local government in the UK and from the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish assemblies.

During his time with the Congress, Councillor Mer-

magen has concentrated on election observation and the monitoring of local democracy, mainly in the newly independent countries of eastern and southern Europe.

Speaking about his appointment to the role of First Vice-President, Councillor Mermagen said: "I am very pleased to have been elected to a senior position in an organisation that Britain did so much to found 65 years ago.

"The work I have done with the Congress has helped to strengthen local democracy in countries which for historical reasons have suffered dictatorship and lack of independence in recent centuries.

"My experience over more than 20 years as a councillor on Chard Town Council, South Somerset District Council and Somerset County Council has been very useful to me in this interesting work."

Councillor Mermagen sits on the Congress as a South Somerset district councillor but at no expense to the district council or the council tax payer.



Council welcomes 'constructive criticism' from Ofsted inspection

SOMERSET County Council has welcomed constructive feedback in the latest Ofsted inspections of its work for children and young people, and says it will make urgent improvements where necessary.

The report published this week summarises outcomes of 39 inspections carried out in September and October. It looks at the role the county council plays in improving services for vulnerable children and highlights some strengths as well as recommendations for improvement.

The report highlights effective school-to-school support in primary schools, with 15 of the 19 inspected being "good" or "outstanding", seven increasing their Ofsted rating and eight retaining their "good" judgment.

Three Pupil Referral Units (PRU), which cater for some of the most vulnerable children in the area, were inspected and all are judged to be "good".

The local authority special school that was inspected was rated "good" and inspectors note that special educational needs co-ordinators in schools and colleges have strong links with the council and share information well.

Some 80 per cent of the schools inspected for this report are "good" or "outstanding" and inspectors recognised that the majority of mainstream pupils do well in all key stages. They also highlighted the "very effective support" being provided by care staff for children with complex needs.

Councillor Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "Everyone knows much improvement is needed urgently in many areas, but it's important also to recognise the positives. We have put a lot of effort into supporting improvements in primary schools and that is making a difference for children. Our PRUs are doing well and I am pleased to note the strengths of the FE college inspected.

"Eighty-five per cent of primary and secondary schools in Somerset are now judged to be 'good' or 'outstanding' compared to the national average of 80 per cent, and that is something that everyone involved in education can take heart from."

Two children's homes offering short breaks for children with disabilities were found to be "adequate". The council had already decided to close both of the children's homes judged to be "inadequate" before the in-

spection took place and is working intensively with the children's centres featured in the report to improve outcomes for the children and communities they serve.

The recommendations for the council in the report include improving the consistency and quality of care in children's homes, increasing support and advice on safeguarding for headteachers, and improving support and challenge to early years setting, including children's centres.

Councillor Nicholson added: "We have acknowledged where things are not good enough for children, we are committed to driving urgent improvements and these are already underway. With our education and health partners we must ensure we support every one of our children to realise their potential."

MP continues campaign to dual road

LOCAL MP David Laws has urged the government to use the planned investment in the A303 to dual the entire stretch of the road east of the Blackdown Hills, and to dual the section of the A358 running from Ilminster to the M5.

It was announced earlier this month that money will be made available in the Autumn Statement to help improve the A303 road, but precise details of the plans have not yet been finalised.

Mr Laws, Liberal Democrat MP for Yeovil, has strongly supported the campaign to dual the A303 east of the Blackdown Hills ever since he was elected in 2001. During that time he has also called for an extra carriageway to be added to the stretch of the A358 running from Ilminster to the M5.

In the last few months Mr Laws has met with both Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin MP and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander MP, to discuss the need for improvements to the A303 and A358 roads ahead of this year's Autumn Statement.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg visited Yeovil recently to see first-hand the problems faced by motorists using the A303 road and to look at potential

solutions to these problems with local business leaders.

Mr Laws said: "I am of course delighted that we have managed to secure money to improve the A303, but any investment must allow us to put in place a fully costed plan to dual the A303 east of the Blackdown Hills as well as the stretch of the A358 running from Ilminster to the M5.

"I have been campaigning, along with Liberal Democrats in the region, for the dualing of the entire stretch of the A303 east of the Blackdown Hills for many years now. It is the only way to ensure that motorists get the road they need and that the South West gets the transport infrastructure it deserves. We have been relying on a predominantly single carriageway road for far too long, and that simply has to change."

"Liberal Democrats worked incredibly hard to secure investment for the A303, but the Autumn Statement needs to set out how this money will be used to dual the road east of the Blackdown Hills, a move which will benefit our local economy and dramatically cut journey times for motorists, many of whom who rely on the A303 on a daily basis."

Warning to shed owners after spate of thefts

POLICE are asking garden and allotment shed owners to make sure their tools are properly secure and identifiable after a spate of burglaries across Somerset.

Sheds along the main roads across the county are being picked most often, with petrol-powered tools commonly stolen from outbuildings often left unlocked after dark.

Offences such as these have been recorded in most towns and large villages over the last month, with the A38 corridor from West Buckland to the Devon border, along the A39 from Minehead to Bridgwater, A371 and A361 in Mendip, and the area

between Chard and Yeovil particularly favoured.

Any suspicious activity which might relate to these burglaries should be reported to police or Crimestoppers, particularly involving white transit vans which have been mentioned a number of times in crime reports.

Sargent Nigel Downey said: "The offenders are looking for valuable tools like strimmers, lawnmowers and chainsaws so my advice is that owners of items like these make sure they are as secure as possible and that they note the model and serial number so we can return them if recovered and make successful prosecutions."

Residents turn out in force for flood meeting

SOUTH Somerset turned out this week in force for reassurance and information on flooding as the winter approaches.

The meeting, hosted by South Somerset District Council, was attended by well over 100 residents who were provided with information about the work of the Flood Action Plan with particular focus on county highway projects in the district, the Environment Agency's asset repair work, dredging and the proposed Somerset Rivers Authority.

Residents were also given the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation and to talk to people involved in community flood plans, insurance issues, the Environment Agency, grants, rescue services, Highways and more.

Speaking after the meeting, Councillor Ric Pallister, leader of South Somerset District Council, said: "This was a well attended event that gave local residents the opportunity to understand what has changed since this time last year and what the future plans are.

"The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the Environment Agency team and their illustrations that clearly and simply explained how the water on the levels and moors is managed and where the key trigger points are for operating pumps and sluices to prevent widespread flooding beyond the systems design capacity.

"I was delighted that so many local residents attended and were clearly engaged in debate and discussion with the experts. Early and effective regular communication on the part of all the agencies will be a key feature in the future and this was an excellent first step along that road."

South Somerset's meeting was the first held district meeting, several of which are being held around Somerset as part of the 20 Year Flood Action Plan, set up after the extreme floods last winter, at the government's request.

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■ **YOUTH SPEAKS:** Co-ordinator John Harris, judges Eric Beckley, Peggy Hannam and Jane Edge, and the winner intermediate and senior teams

Busy week for Rotary Club

THE Rotary Club of Chard has had another very busy week hosting its annual Youth Speaks competition and a First World War-theme evening.

On Wednesday, November 12th the club organised the Youth Speaks competition in conjunction with Holyrood Academy. Three intermediate and three senior teams took part in the event.

The winning Intermediate team, consisting of a chairman, speaker and proposer of the vote of thanks, were Lorelei Webber, Ruby Nex, and Rachael Davis who debated the topic "Sexism in Schools". The winning senior team included Addison Coath, Katrina Gunn-Lane and Sarah McCullough with the subject "Younger Siblings".

Winners were selected by judges who Eric

Beckley, president Rotary Club of Chard; Peggy Hannam and school librarian Jane Edge. The co-ordinator was Puck Webber, head of English at the school.

These two teams will now go forward to the next district round.

■ ON Saturday, November 15th the Rotary Club held a WWI evening at the Horton Village Hall.

About 60 members and guests enjoyed an excellent evening of wartime readings, poems and songs, and a meal of beef stew and mash.

The evening raised £508.00 for Help the Heroes and Canine Partners, a charity which supports people with disabilities with specially trained dogs.

Chard listed among the top prep schools in the country

CHARD School ranked 49th in *The Sunday Times'* Parent Power ranking of the top 100 independent preparatory schools in the country.

Staff at the school are delighted that it has been listed among the top schools.

A spokesperson said: "Our vibrant prep school educates children up to 11 years old and is located in historic period buildings in Chard.

"Specialist subject teachers provide the highest standard of teaching in English, maths, science, French, PE, art and humanities. The school has excellent facilities to match, including a science lab, astro-turf, ICT suite, gym, art studio, chapel, library and newly refurbished nursery for 0-5 year olds."

Chard School's headteacher Paul Cawley-Wakefield added: "I am thrilled that our flourishing prep school is 49th in *The Sunday Times'* Parent Power ranking of the top 100 independent preparatory schools in the country. I believe that the quality of teaching by our specialist subject teachers, small class sizes and the family, friendly atmosphere of the school which nurtures the children whilst instilling in them self-worth, good manners and consideration of others have achieved this wonderful result."



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■ A COFFEE morning at Oak Lodge Care Centre in Chard exceeded the £100 mark for Macmillan Cancer Support. A total of £102 was raised during the event on Saturday, November 22nd. Activities coordinator Gemma Jones said: "The staff would like to say thank you to everyone who attended and to everyone who donated." Pictured above, staff and residents from Oak Lodge and, below, Bethany Kelly and Penny Read and Harry Down.



Happy ending as sanctuary's depressed dogs find new home

It was a happy ending for Lola and Sherman, two inseparable dogs who were suffering from depression at Ferne Animal Sanctuary due to being unable to find a permanent home.

Resident for 20 months at the sanctuary in Wambrook, near Chard, they have finally found a new owner in Seaton, Devon.

Julie Nield, from PJ's Social Club in Marine Crescent, explained why she has taken Lola and Sherman into their home.

"It's only a dog! That is what people say who have never experienced the love of owning a dog. My beautiful Taz, a GSD cross, wasn't just a dog; he was my friend that I spent my life with. We walked together, swam together in the sea, he was there when I laughed – he was there when I cried. He was my best friend.

"Taz collapsed on the beach, his favourite place in the world, with a massive internal bleed. He was put to sleep whilst we cradled him in our arms. The following morning I was a mess, I had all this love to give and no one to give it to.

"I remembered reading an article in the local paper the previous week about Ferne Animal Sanctuary appealing for someone to adopt two dogs who had been in the kennels for so long they were starting to show signs of depression.

"I telephoned the sanctuary fully expecting the dogs to be in their forever homes already. I spoke to Tara Nirula, who explained there had been a lot of interest but people were loathe to adopt two big dogs who, to put it nicely, didn't like the company of other dogs!

"A couple of hours later I was introduced to Sherman and Lola. I cannot explain why or how, but I knew they needed me as much as I needed them.

"This was my first visit to Ferne Animal Sanctuary and I cannot express enough how wonderful and amazing all the staff are. The love and care they show to the animals is unbelievable.

"After only one session with dog training and behaviourist Peter Mounsey, based in Exeter, we are seeing a huge improvement in the rehabilitation of Sherman



and Lola in the company of other dogs. They are significantly calmer, which in turn has vastly improved my confidence when exercising them.

"Now, 14 days on, I have two best friends! I will always have a place in my heart for Taz, and it sounds crazy but I know he would approve because he understood what love was all about."

Tara Nirula, acting head of animal care, added: "Everyone at Ferne Animal Sanctuary are delighted that Lola and Sherman have finally found a new home after being at the sanctuary for so long.

"Although we really miss them, this has made our year and we haven't stopped smiling since they left! We are thrilled that their new owners are such lovely people who can give them so much love and attention.

"We would like to thank everyone who has given their support in helping us find these dogs a new home and in particular, to the public for their kind messages of support and encouragement."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary launched their "New Digs for Dogs" £1million project for 2014/15 in March to build a new enhanced kennel block, improved grooming and veterinary care room, information hub, social unit, offices, reception and purpose built rehoming centre.

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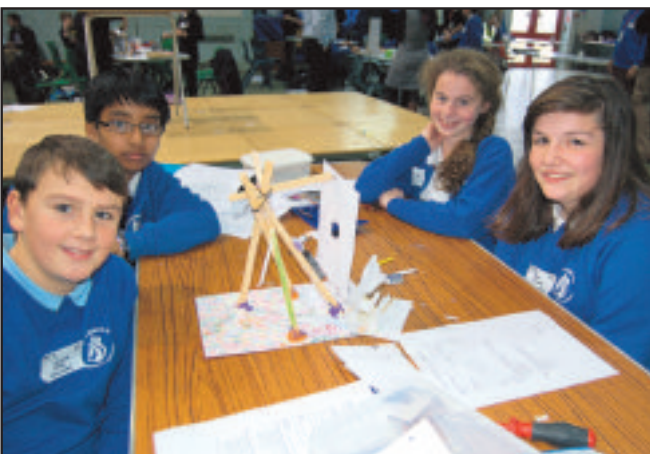
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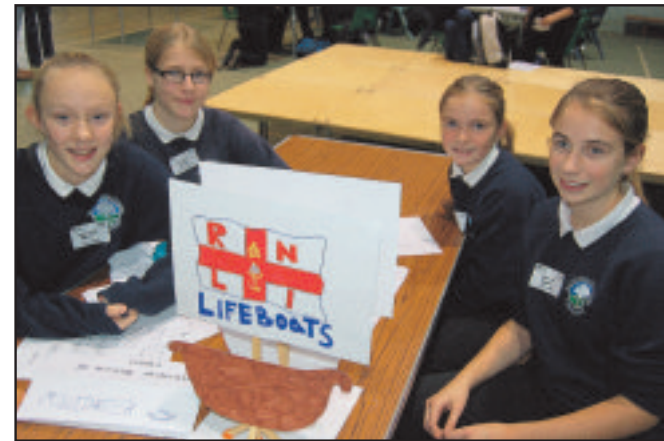
By Anders Larsson

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TEAMS were tasked with constructing a flashing beacon at the Rotary Technology Tournament 2014 at Wadham School, Crewkerne, organised by the Rotary clubs of Chard, Crewkerne, Crewkerne District and Ilminster.

The competition was held on Friday, November 21st and featured teams from schools in Ilminster, Crewkerne and Yeovil. The winning team at the basic level was from "Millitarter" from Maiden Beech (Hannah Doble, Charlotte Penny, Molly Gingell and Harriet Baron) and at intermediate level was "Fluffy Camels" from Wadham (William Darlington, Max Metcalf, Ashley Gray and Rowan Hall).

Organisers were grateful for the sponsorship provided by Wydale, with the support Agusta Westland, Parker Hannifin Ltd, Cronite Castings Ltd, RNAS Yeovilton Fleet Air Arm Museum.



■ TEAMS from Maiden Beech (above) and Wadham in Crewkerne



Choral society impress audience

SOUTH Somerset Choral Society performed an evening of music by renowned French composers to an enthusiastic audience at St Mary's Church in Chard.

Accompanied by an orchestra and four soloists, the choir of almost 100 choristers under the baton of director Tim Donaldson gave a memorable performance of works by Gounod, Faure and Franck.

The music was chosen to reflect the mood of remembrance on the centenary of the start of the Great War.

Wayne Bennett, director of Dillington House, commented: "St Mary's was packed to the gunwhales for a night of great music as South Somerset Choral Society, not known for their lack of ambition, tackled one of the big beasts of French choral music – Gounod's Messe Solemnelle de Sainte Cecile.

"Once again, South Somerset Choral Society has shown what can be achieved locally, for which they should all be congratulated. Above all, Tim Donaldson has really got the measure of his choir, and it's beginning to show."

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Rotary Club opens Christmas shop

THE Rotary Club of Crewkerne has opened up its seasonal shop in premises next to the town's Nationwide branch.

Proceeds will go to local charities and money will also be collected for the anti-Ebola campaign.

Club president Peter Hardwill formally opened the shop by cutting a ribbon in the company of town crier David Craner. The shop is open from 10am to 4pm each day with the exception of Sundays, and donations of small items are welcomed.



■ OFFICIALLY OPEN: Rotary president Peter Hardwill cuts the ribbon watched by town crier David Craner and fellow Rotarians



Museum's double display coming to an end

■ HAVE A LOOK: Janet Harris and Jean Gorman promoting the Hooves, Paws and Claws project

Crewkerne Museum's two-in-one exhibition is coming to an end.

The museum's annual Art in the Museum exhibition has been running alongside the Heritage Lottery-funded Hooves, Paws and Claws project for most of November.

Almost 20 exhibitors have contributed to the annual exhibition whilst three schools are behind the Hooves, Paws and Claws project.

Museum volunteer Janet Harris said

about the annual exhibition: "We are selling more pictures this year and cards are always popular."

Ashlands First School, Haselbury First School and Maiden Beech Academy are involved with the Hooves, Paws and Claws project, which is about aspects of World War I and how animals have been used in war.

The exhibition and project both close at 2pm on Saturday, November 29th.

Dog walkers reminded to pick up their mess

DOG owners in South Somerset are being reminded pick up after their pets this winter or face the possibility of a fine.

With the clocks having recently gone forward and the darker nights now with us, patrols by enforcement officers will be stepped up across the district in a bid to catch any offenders failing to pick up after their pets.

South Somerset District Council is

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Victorian night kicks off festive season



■ **TRADITIONAL SONGS:** Children from Greenfylde First School sang nursery rhymes in Market Square. Below, the Royal Navy band of HMS Heron entertain and, right, Jacalyn Dobson from Cottage Flower which won the best dressed shop competition (Photos below and right by STEVE MONK)



ILMINSTER got into the festive spirit with a Victorian theme evening to tie in with the switching-on of the town's Christmas lights.

The evening included a children's lantern parade, a visit from Father Christmas, a best dressed shop competition and entertainment from the Royal Navy band of HMS Heron.

Many shops stayed open late and attracted Christmas shoppers with festive treats including mince pies and mulled wine.

The lights were switched on by local resident Matt Sainsbury and his children Rose, Daisy and Jonathan.

Greenfylde First School held a day of Victorian activities to tie in with the event, including singing Nursery Rhymes in the Market Square; meeting the town crier, dressing up and cleaning the Minster brass to experience life as a working Victorian child.



■ **THE BIG MOMENT:** Matt Sainsbury and children Rose, Daisy and Jonathan switch on the lights
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CLOKS present Christmas show



THEATRE group CLOKS will give "A Pudding for the Chimney Sweep" on December 5th and 6th in Combe St Nicholas Church, starting at 7.30pm on both days.

Christmas is approaching fast and Mrs Perkins' pie shop is in serious trouble. Luckily, orphan Lizzie has an old and secret recipe from her grandmother that she shares with her friends. Together they start to help Mrs Perkins pick up business, but all is not well.

Orphan chimney boy Jim isn't having a good time either - constantly being pushed around by

the grumpy, bad-tempered chimney sweep Bovie. Meanwhile, in the local factory, the workers aren't quite as happy and content as owner Mr Mortimer thinks they are. So when evil apprentice Quigley gets together with Boyle and the secret pie recipe is goes missing, poor little Jim gets blamed.

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Young cadets awarded



■ TOP CADET: Colonel Frank Gale, Cadet Sophie Twycross and SSI Dan Inngs. Pictured right, Brandon Keats receives his certificate

CADET Sophie Twycross, of the Ilminster platoon of the Army Cadet Force, is the 2014 recipient of the Denis Lucy Prize.

The award was presented in memory of Denis Lucy, who died in 2010 and had been an officer in the Royal Ulster Rifles. He moved to Ilminster a number of years ago and was a keen supporter of the Ilminster branch of the Royal British Legion and the Army Cadet Force.

His son, William, who served as an officer with the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars in the 1980s, has a good understanding of soldiers and the need to supplement their personal kit with items they need to buy for themselves and the aim of the Denis Lucy prize is to present a cash prize annually so a member of the Ilminster ACF can buy items of kit they would otherwise have to fund themselves.

SSI Dan Inngs, platoon commander, announced the winners at the Ilminster ACF HQ in Shudrick Lane with Cadet Sophie Twycross winning the top prize of best cadet and £70 in vouchers, and Cadet Brandon Keats receiving an award of £30 in vouchers for the cadet making the best effort.

Unfortunately William Lucy was unable to be there so Colonel (Retd) Frank Gale, the Ilminster Legion Branch President presented the prizes on his behalf.



Week of music making for Greenfylde students



■ MAKING MUSIC: Year 3 students perform samba music and, below, winners of the Greenfylde's Got Talent competition

A MUSIC week at Greenfylde First School in Ilminster saw pupils listen, dance and sing with aplomb.

The activities were organised by music subject lead Anne Dillon. Children had the opportunity to take part in a singing workshop and each class chose their own composer to learn more about, which even saw Years 1 and 2 painting and dancing along to Tchaikovsky.

A school spokesperson explained: "Our older children held their own concerts for the younger children with Year 4 leading a musical composition concert and Year 3 presenting a lively samba experience."

"It was also a chance to hear both staff and parents playing musical instruments for the children as well as visits from some pupils from Swanmead Middle School and an Elvis concert."

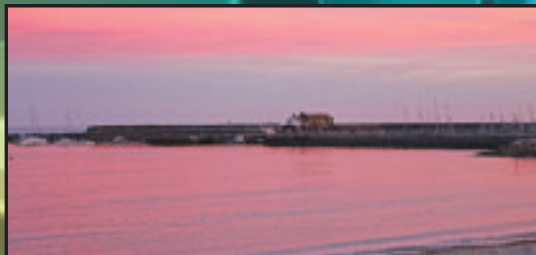
The school also held a Greenfylde's Got Talent competition with singer Esme winning for the reception class, James on piano for Key Stage 1 and violinist Joseph for Key Stage 2.

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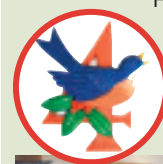
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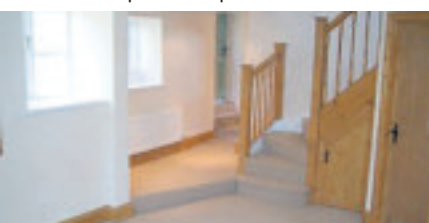
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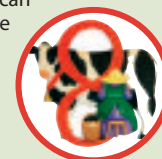
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TWO TOP ROCK TRIBUTES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

THE Gateway 2014 Christmas Fayre takes place on Friday, December 5th, from 3-8.30pm.

The fayre will be brim full with festive stalls selling all manner of Christmas gift ideas, cards, crafts and more.

As well as all the variety of stalls, Axe Valley Community Choir will be giving a special performance at 7pm.

Refreshments will be available, including mulled wine and plenty of Christmas spirit available at the licensed bar.

Entry to fayre is by donation.

The Fayre takes place at The Gateway, Fore Street, Town Hall, Seaton.

ON Sunday, December 7th, the Bolshoi Ballet from Moscow will perform **La Bayadere**, and the performance will be screened at The Gateway.

The show features the choreography of Marius Petipa, seen here in a new scenic version by Yuri Grigorovich. The exquisite scene known as 'The Kingdom of the Shades' is one of the most celebrated in the history of ballet.

Bolshoi principals Svetlana Zakharova (Nikiya) and Maria Alexandrova (Gamzatti) bring the characters of this romantic ballet to life.

Doors open 2pm for the performance at 3pm. The performance is approximately 2 hours 45 min-



The ZZ Tops

utes long.

Tickets are £15 in advance or £17.50 on door, available from the box office on 01297 625699 or online at www.seatongateway.co.uk

YOU will get a rare chance to view a screening of the **Rembrandt Exhibition** hosted by London's National Gallery and Amsterdam's Rijks

Museum, on Tuesday, December 9th.

Every Rembrandt exhibition is eagerly anticipated but this major new show, focused on the final years of his life and hosted by London's National Gallery and Amsterdam's Rijks museum, is the biggest in many years.

This is an opportunity to see two exhibitions for the price of one featuring the works of this great and enigmatic artist.

Tickets are £10 from the box office 01297 625699 or from the website at www.seatongateway.co.uk

Doors open 1.30pm, with the screening starting at 2pm (approximate running time of 1 hour 30 minutes). Teas and coffees are on sale and the bar will be open.

TWO top rock tributes will share the bill at the Gateway on Saturday, December 20th for a special Christmas party

The **ZZ Tops**, the unique three man tribute to rock music's best known Texan boogie band team; and **Live Wire AC/DC**, the finest tribute to Australia's rock giants, team up to tear the house down for Christmas 2014!

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The evening begins at 7.30pm, and will rock on until 11.30pm.

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MUSICALLY, November at The David Hall started on Saturday 1st with the first ever visit from two of Canada's most respected musicians - James Keelaghan and Hugh McMillan. This was a night of brilliant songs played by two musicians who really demonstrated their ability to connect with the audience. Hugh's bass playing was a particular highlight for me as he played it as a rhythm instrument in a style that reminded me of the recently departed Jack Bruce. A great night we would love to repeat sometime.

The following Saturday we welcomed another duo making their first appearance with us when The Hut People brought their totally unique music to South Petherton. This duo sounds like no other and consists of Sam Pirt on accordion and Gary Hammond (ex Beautiful South) on percussion. A truly fabulous live act, they played a selection of music from around the world - too many musical influences to list. Loved by everyone, they showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with for a very long time. Watch out for them in the future.

In one respect, December will be similar to previous years in that the two nights of St Agnes Fountain (Friday 12th and Saturday 13th) have already sold out! For many, these performances are the time when Christmas really starts. Chris While, Julie Matthews, David Hughes and Chris Leslie have a unique take on the festive season which has turned them into a Christmas 'institution'. Early dates for your 2015 Calendar are Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December when St Agnes Fountain will be back at The David Hall. Book early - or you will be disappointed!

On Saturday 20th we are delighted to welcome back Belshazzar's Feast. The Feast consists of Paul Sartin - oboe, violin and vocals - of Bellowhead and Faustus, and Paul Hutchinson, of Hoover the Dog, on accordion, who will truly entertain everyone with their own take on Christmas. Wonderfully entertaining, the two Pauls will take you on a breathtaking journey featuring their inventive music interspersed with hilarious interruptions and comments. Some tickets are still

available but a sell-out is very likely.

The David Hall's New Year's Eve Ceilidh is now an established tradition and is a Hall fundraiser. Places are limited and every year has been a sell out. This year's fantastic live band - Jigs for Gigs - is well known in the West Country. Tickets cost £15 and include a delicious buffet. They need to be pre-booked by Monday 29th December.

Finally - great news! The David Hall's programme for January to June 2015 is now available - both on line at www.thedavidhall.org.uk and in printed form. If you would like a copy, please call 01460 240 340.

I look forward to updating you further next month!

Pete Wheeler,
Petherton Arts Trust



ALSO COMING UP AT THE DAVID HALL:

On Friday 28th November, at 8pm, Petherton Picture Show will screen **The Monuments Men**. Starring George Clooney, Matt Damon and Bill Murray, the film depicts an unlikely World War 2 platoon that is tasked with rescuing art masterpieces from Nazi thieves.

The only Petherton Picture Show night in December is on Friday 19th when the film will be *Belle*. This is inspired by the true story of the illegitimate mixed race daughter of Admiral Sir John Lindsay and stars Tom Wilkinson, Emily Watson and Gugu Mbatha-Raw.

A Performance Night Christmas Special is scheduled for Sunday 21st December, at 7.30pm. All styles and forms of performance welcome - not just music! If you wish to perform, please drop an email to info@thedavidhall.org.uk

For further details about any of the above please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk, or call 01460 240 340.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 5th December
3 - 8pm
Entry by donation.
Mulled wine and plenty of Christmas spirit available at the licensed bar.
Performance by Axe Valley Community Choir at 7pm.

Bolshoi ballet from Moscow LA BAYADERE

Sunday 7th December
Doors 2pm,
performance 3pm

Tickets:
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£17.50 on the door

REMBRANDT EXHIBITION (Screening)

Saturday 20th December

Doors: 1.30pm
Screening: 2pm
Tickets: £10

ZZ TOPS & LIVE WIRE AC/DC XMAS PARTY

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10am to 12 noon

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At The Henhayes Community Centre

Monday 8th December
Friday 12th December
Tuesday 16th December

£7.00 Member
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12 noon for 12.30pm

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Tree of Light Christmas celebrations with Crewkerne Lions and Antiques Bazaar

CHRISTMAS is fast approaching and it is so easy to get caught up with the annual preparations. For many it is also a sad time as we remember those who are no longer with us. Crewkerne Lions Club hopes that in some way this Community Project helps you remember those loved ones in a positive way.

You are invited to sponsor a light on the 'Tree of Light' which will be placed at the entrance to The Antiques Bazaar, Kit Hill. All money raised will be used to support projects within the local community of Crewkerne and surrounding villages.

The Club are extremely grateful for the support of Anthony Bucke and the Antiques Bazaar and hope that the community project will be here in Crewkerne for years to come.

Our stunning 18ft locally grown tree will be lit on Friday 5th December at 6.15pm, followed by carols around the foot of the tree.

Students from Maiden Beech School will then arrive by donkey cart at around 6.45pm, and will perform their own carols. Finally there will be a short dedication service.

Antiques Bazaar will remain open throughout the evening for shopping and browsing, and The

Home Bakery will be serving seasonal refreshments.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

All proceeds will be used to support projects within the local community. The Club have recently purchased a life-saving defibrillator for £2,700, which will be placed on the outside wall of West One Surgery to use at any time in an emergency.

Crewkerne Lions Club has served the communities of the town and local villages since 1982. Annual events include the Duck Race, Fun weekend, Horse and Dog Show, and Christmas Draw, all raising valuable funds which are used

locally.

As well as being a local organisation, the Lions Club of Crewkerne is part of Lions Clubs International, and at the time of disasters anywhere in the world, is ready to get out there and shake a bucket raising funds.

For more details visit the websites:

www.crewkernelions.org.uk or www.lionsclub-sinternational.org

If you feel you would like to know more about Lions and possible membership please contact Crewkerne Lions Club either by the website or by calling 01460 72305.

Tree of Light

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Supported by Anthony Bucke and Antiques Bazaar

The tree will be lit at Antiques Bazaar on Friday 5th December at 6.15pm



*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
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CREWKERNE LIONS CLUB

Tree of Light

(Minimum donation £5)

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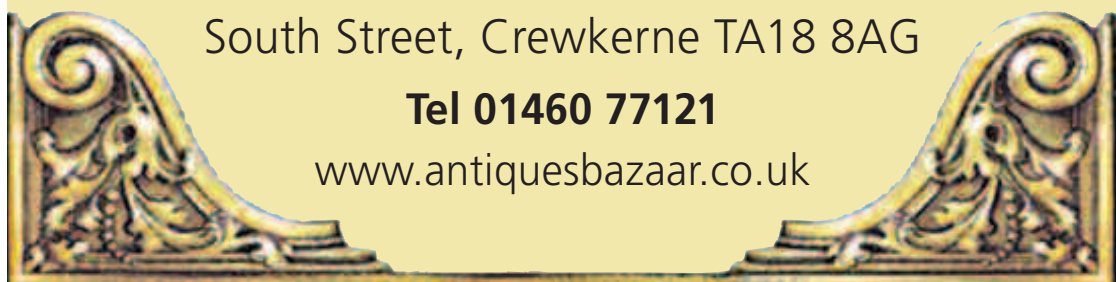
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Diary Dates

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

TATWORTH: Film: 'Belle' (cert 12a) at Tatworth Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15pm, film 8pm. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

CREWKERNE: Winter Warmer Lunch at Henhayes – Steak and Ale Pie with seasonal vegetables followed by Pineapple Upside-Down Cake - £7.50. Please phone 01460 74340 for further details and to reserve your place.

BARRINGTON: St Mary's Pre-school annual Christmas Market at the village hall, 6-8pm. Stalls selling jewellery, pottery, crafts, cards, pictures and photographs and stocking fillers galore! There will be raffle and festive refreshments and entertainment in the form of carols from the Ilminster Town Band and the children from St Peter's and St Mary's School in Barrington.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group are holding their own special Celebration of SWT's 50th Anniversary and hope many members past, present and future will attend on commencing 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Admission is free but participants are encouraged to provide some nibbles for a bring and share supper. Soft drinks will be provided. Edward Wells will give an outline of SWT's 50 year History followed by input from two of the Trust's young employees as we look to the future. There will be other displays, raffle and competitions including one where it is essential that you know your membership number! SWT calendars will be on sale. Usual venue Parish Hall, North St, Ilminster TA19 0DG

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

ILMINSTER: The Monks Yard Christmas Craft Fair from 10am to 4pm. This popular annual event will provide the perfect opportunity to find some original and unique gifts in two rooms full of unusual arts and crafts items made by over 25 local people. Many of the usual stall-holders will be there together with some new faces, and you are assured of a warm welcome in a stress free, friendly atmosphere, free parking and free entry. Delicious refreshments will be available in MY eating place. Last year's event raised £450 for local animal rescue charities, and this year the proceeds will go to Taunton and Wellington Cats Protection.

CREWKERNE: Breakfast and 100 Club Draw at Henhayes Centre 10am to 12noon.

CREWKERNE: Banquet of Voices - Axminster and Yeovil Chamber Choirs in concert at the Methodist Church, South Street from 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments, available from TIC, Town Hall or on the door. For more details call 01935 873719

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON: Christmas Bazaar at the Memorial Hall, 2-4pm. Seasonal stalls, tom bola, refreshments, grand draw, Father Christmas and much more. In aid of the Triangle Trust. For more details call 01935 881718.

HINTON ST GEORGE: Annual Christmas Fayre at St George's Hall, 10.30am-2pm. Father Christmas arriving by helicopter at approx 11am. Independent stall holders, as well as home produce, games and lots more. All proceeds from the Fayre will be split between the school and pre-school.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

CREWKERNE: Heavenly Music for Advent - concert by Axminster and Yeovil Chamber Choirs at the Crewkerne Methodist Church (TA18 8DB) at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 to include refreshments, available at the door. For more details visit www.yeovilchamberchoir.org

CHARD: Church of The Good Shepherd, Furnham Road, Chard are holding their annual Advent Carol Service at 6pm. All welcome who wish to attend. Traditional Advent Hymns, in preparation for the coming of Christ on Christmas Night.

MONDAY DECEMBER 1ST

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

CREWKERNE: Bridge Club at Henhayes Centre has been cancelled today. Will reconvene on the 8th December

TUESDAY DECEMBER 2ND

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Computer group at Henhayes Centre - if you need some help to get started or a question answered please pop down to the Centre between 10am and 12noon.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3RD

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre - Cash prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm.

CLAPTON: Sew, knit & natter, at Clapton & Wayford

Chard Christmas Light Switch On

THE Christmas Lights are in place for the festive season in Chard, and a special night of events to mark

the switch on is set to take place this Saturday, November 28th. Roads will be closed from 5.30pm

on Saturday, and a Craft Fayre will open in the Guildhall at 6pm. Also at 6pm Kelly Leigh's warm up for the Mayors Charity Santa Run, due to start at 6.15pm. Kelly will follow the race with a Zumba Dance display at 6.45pm. The grand switch on will take place at 7.30pm. There are plenty of other events, displays and refreshments available on the night, plus a special visit from Santa!

Come and tease your taste buds



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This week's new cinema releases



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DALE, Kurt and Nick decide to start their own business but things don't go as planned because of a slick investor, prompting the trio to pull off a harebrained and misguided kidnapping scheme.

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PADDINGTON

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Diary Dates

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 4TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5TH & SATURDAY DEC 6TH

CREWKERNE: CUDOS Christmas Concert, at the Victoria Hall, 7.30 pm each night. Cost £6 to include glass of mulled wine/orange juice and mince pie. Tickets available from www.cudos.org.uk or 01460 74380.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH

MISTERTON: Table Top Sale at Misterton WI Hall, 10.30am-2pm. Variety of stalls - cards, jewellery, bric-a-brac, Christmas and craft goods. Free entry. Light lunches/refreshments available. For more details call 01460 74808

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Festive Designs to Decorate your Home at Christmas. A demonstration by Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers Ilminster. From 10am - 12pm at The Millennium Hall, Seavington St Mary. Tickets @ £8.50 IN ADVANCE from Seavington Community Shop and N&D News S. Petherton. Or ring 01460 249522. Tea/coffee and cake included. Proceeds in aid of improvements to the shop and café.

MERRIOTT: "Christmasy" Monthly Market at Merriott social club 10am-1pm. Lots of lovely stalls including fresh produce. Call 07885 424588 for more details.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club Inter club competition night against Lyme Regis at the Uplyme Village Hall.

ASHILL: Ashill School Annual Frost Fayre at the village hall. Games and activities for children, along with a secret present room. Adults can find gifts on the craft stalls, homemade cakes, luxury hamper raffle, Christmas BBQ and more.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH

NORTH PERROTT: Christmas Concert with Parnham Voices in St Martin's Church, from 3.30pm. Songs both sacred and secular, ancient and modern, with works by Byrd, Mendelssohn and Rutter and popular carols including 'Ding Dong Merrily', 'Silent Night' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' interspersed with seasonal readings. Teas, scones, cakes and mince pies served after the concert. Tickets to include food: adults £8, 17-18 years £4, under 17 years free. For more details call 01460 72883, 76457 or 76214. Proceeds to St Martin's Church Funds.

MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

CREWKERNE: Traditional Christmas lunches at The Henhayes Community Centre. Please phone 01460 76233 for further details and to reserve your place.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9TH

CHARD: Chard WI Meeting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Visitors and new members welcome. 2nd Tuesday of every month (Excluding August).

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Sports Centre. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Model Engineering.

CHARD: Women's Group of Chard Churches Together are hosting the Annual Carol Service for the group at The Church of the Good Shepherd. Everyone is very welcome. If you are not a church-goer, but enjoy singing carols, please be assured of a warm welcome. Men folk are also very welcome. Following the Service there will be a hot drink and light refreshments.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Computer group at Henhayes Centre - if you need some help to get started or a question answered please pop down to the Centre between 10am and 12noon.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

CREWKERNE: Christmas Bingo at Henhayes Centre - Lots of lovely prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH

CREWKERNE: George Reynolds Centre Christmas Fair, 5.30-8pm.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association Social quiz evening at the Conservative Club, High Street at 7.30pm. Visitors looking to maybe join the Association will be made most welcome to attend this friendly, humorous occasion with like minded members.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

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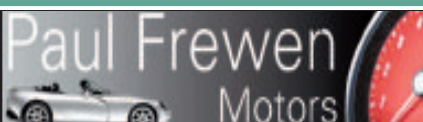
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'A Driver Is For Life – Not Just For Christmas'

BLACK Friday - Sofa Sunday - Cyber Monday; recognised as the biggest shopping days of the year and when logistics operators will be put under pressure to deliver the goods - which won't be helped this Christmas because of the growing problem of driver shortage.

Christmas shopping starts in earnest this week beginning with 'Black Friday' - the American shopping extravaganza which has made its way to the UK. This year, more than ever, Britain will be swamped with discounts online and in the High Street. Almost one in four purchases are expected to be made online as shoppers spend £1.7bn a day in the run-up to Christmas and all have to be delivered to the customer on time for the big day.

But the Freight Transport Association (FTA) is warning that the problem of driver shortage is a long term issue and not just one that is going to affect the festive season.

"A driver is for life not just for Christmas" is the message from logistics operators who

have taken part in an FTA survey with 94% of participants saying that they see driver shortage as a real concern to the freight industry.

Sally Gilson, FTA Skills Policy Manager stated: "With just a month to go until Christmas day - it is clear that the festive season is at the forefront of our minds - but driver shortage is not just a seasonal issue but a long-term problem. FTA has long voiced its worries regarding driver shortage and is calling on the government to support the freight industry with funding in order to encourage new drivers to enrol in the logistics industry."

The FTA survey results illustrate that there is no 'north-south divide' when it comes to a lack of drivers as the delegates attending the current FTA Transport Manager Conference series 2014 at venues around the country including Brands Hatch, Durham, Warrington, Leeds, Taunton, Huntingdon, Chepstow, Dunblane, Sheffield and Slough were joined in their response. The Association's survey also confirmed that driver shortage is not only a concern on the run-up to Christmas but a potential problem in the longer term.

Delegates attending the FTA Transport Manager Conference series were asked to answer a 'snap-shot' survey relating to their own freight operations and were asked: "On a scale of 1-5 how bad is the driver shortage?"

And our survey said:

67% of respondents in Durham said that driver shortage is 'very bad' - and that it will be a major issue'

60% delegates in Warrington replied that 'it is bad and could impact Christmas deliveries'

57% of attendees at the Dunblane event said that it is 'a potential problem in the longer term'

FTA is once again highlighting the serious issue of delivering the goods in time for Christmas and is claiming that the freight industry is in need of drivers to meet the demand in the weeks up to the busiest time of the year for many businesses. In addition the Association estimates that the number of drivers that will need to be recruited over the next few years exceeds 45,000.

Ms Gilson concluded:

"It is clear that from the FTA survey that the issue of driver shortage is one of genuine concern. This is the busiest time of the year for many businesses. With 'Black Friday' looming and thanks to the e-commerce explosion with so many people buying goods on line it is only going to get busier. It may appear that there are more 'trucks on the road' but they are simply trying to deliver the goods ordered. The simple fact is that this is a case of supply and demand but the real problem is that there simply aren't enough drivers to meet it."



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The New Mercedes-Benz CLA Shooting Brake

BREATH TAKINGLY sporty proportions and a powerfully dynamic design idiom with sensuously shaped surfaces already made the CLA unmistakable in its four-door Coupé guise. It is now followed by a further design icon, the CLA Shooting Brake, with a unique look all of its own. The lower overall height and the elongated coupé-style roof contour line, the low greenhouse and the sweep of the high beltline are the key design features of its distinctive profile. As is the gentle downward slope of the roof line, which makes for significantly more headroom than in the four-door Coupé. The CLA Shooting Brake (length/width/height: 4630/1777/1435 mm) will initially be available with a choice of two diesel and three petrol engines as well as with 4MATIC all-wheel drive. It goes on sale in January 2015, with the first models going to customers towards the end of March 2015.

"The new CLA Shooting Brake is the latest member of our successful family of compact models. The range, which now includes five models, covers an extremely wide spectrum: with the spacious B-Class sports tourer, the youthfully dynamic A-Class, the avant-garde CLA-Class Coupé and the compact GLA-Class SUV, we cater for a host of different customer wishes in this segment," says Ola Källenius, Member of the Divisional Board Mercedes-Benz Cars, responsible for Marketing & Sales. "Like its big brother, the CLS Shooting Brake, the CLA Shooting Brake is targeted at active customers

who are looking outside of the mainstream for a car that impresses with a high utility value."

The guiding principle behind the designers' work was that of sensual purity as an expression of modern luxury. "The new CLA Shooting Brake offers a contemporary interpretation of sensual purity and represents the perfect synthesis between the emotionality of a coupé and the intelligence of a shooting brake," explains Gorden Wagener, Head of Design at Daimler AG. "The styling of our CLA Shooting Brake is extremely progressive as well as unmistakable. Once again, we have created a whole new class of vehicle."

The thrilling design details of the limited-edition OrangeArt Edition special model ensure that it brings an exciting note to the market launch. Orange highlight rings around the bi-xenon headlamps ensure that they stand out in spectacular style. The rim flanges of the AMG light-alloy wheels are painted in orange on the OrangeArt Edition. Orange/black sports seats and orange contrasting topstitching help to define the interior.

As spacious as they come: beauty in its most practical guise

The elegantly long drawn-out Shooting Brake tail end, in conjunction with the variability that this offers, guarantees exceptional recreational value without compromising on the CLA's aspiration to represent design at its best. At the same time, headroom in the rear

is significantly greater than in the four-door CLA. At 94.7 cm, the effective headroom in the rear is 4 cm higher than it is in the companion model. Access to the second row of seats is also much easier.

This spaciousness is one of the strengths of the Shooting Brake. The load compartment offers a capacity that ranges from 495 to 1354 litres (when loaded up to the upper edge of the rear seat backrests or loaded to the roof with the rear bench seat folded down, respectively). If the rear seats are moved into the more steeply raked "cargo" position, the load capacity increases to 595 litres while still leaving space for five occupants.

The width of the luggage compartment, at up to 1328 mm, is leading in this segment. Clever little details, including the magnetic catch on the through-loading flap in the rear-seat backrest for long items, such as skis, are further typical examples of this carefully thought-out concept.

Options such as the electrically operated EASY-PACK tailgate or the Load Compartment package help to enhance convenience and variability when using the load compartment. Apart from the "cargo" positioning option for the rear-seat backrests, the Load Compartment package includes a collapsible box, a 12 V socket and an additional storage net at the side of the load compartment. To add to the exclusive ambience, aluminium strips with anti-slip inlays are available as an option for the load compartment floor.

With a Cd value of 0.22 in its BlueEFFICIENCY Edition guise, the four-door CLA sets a new benchmark – both within the Mercedes model portfolio and among all series-production vehicles. The CLA Shooting Brake, too, holds its own alongside the world champion with outstanding aerodynamics while likewise leading its segment with a Cd value of 0.26. The drag area Cd x A, a decisive factor when it comes to wind resistance, is 0.57 m2 on the CLA Shooting Brake.



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Three off as Robins let points slip

Rutter double gives Ilminster a lift - away win takes Perry Street top

CHARD TOWN 3 ASHTON & BACKWELL 3
Toolstation Division One - att: 68
A DRAMATIC last 10 minutes saw Chard Town let two points slip away and have Mark Scott sent-off as visitors Ashton & Backwell, who were down to just nine men, scored twice to snatch a point.

Ed Butcher put the Robins ahead on the quarter-hour but the visitors equalised midway through the first-half. All looked good as Sam Clark nodded home an Andy Martin corner for his 13th goal of the season 25 minutes from time. Things then went from bad to worse for Ashton who lost two players after each received two yellow cards and then Martin struck to make it 3-1 with just nine minutes remaining.

But the visitors reduced the arrears in the 85th minute and then Scott was dismissed for a last man foul.

To compound the Chard concerns the resulting free-kick was parried by keeper Nathan Whatley but the rebound was gleefully lashed home.

CHARD: N.Whatley, C.Mawford (J.Barfoot 76), M.Scott, B.Haines, M.McCormack (Shaun Wells-Burr 46), A.Martin, G.Chlopecki, L.Gillman, E.Butcher, S.Clark (B.Symes 85), O.Latas. Unused subs: B.Mear, N.Warren.

◆ Chard Town hopes of a prolonged run in the **Somerset Premier Cup** ground to a halt as they were hammered 5-0 at ODD DOWN.

The hosts took the lead in the first minute and led 2-0 at the interval as Chard were made to pay for several defensive mistakes.

The Robins make the short trip to face WELLINGTON tomorrow (3pm ko).

Manager Adam Fricker has a squad decimated by a variety of reasons but has named the following: D.Wood, C.Mawford, Shaun Wells-Burr, S.Holland, B.Haines, O.Latas, M.McCormack, A.Martin, B.Mear, B.Symes, S.Clark, E.Butcher, A.Fricker, G.Chlopecki.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

ILMINSTER Town Reserves clambered off the foot of the Division Five table with an impressive 3-2 win over promotion-chasing Uplowman Athletic at The Recreation Ground last weekend.

However, it wasn't plain sailing as the visitors took the lead after just seven seconds!

But the Blues were level before half-time when Charlie Rutter headed home Brad Miles' free-kick.

After the interval the introduction of substitute AJ Carvell paid dividends as he netted his first goal for the team.

Rutter made it 3-1 with a superb 25-yard effort and was only prevented from bagging a hat-trick by a fine save by the Uplowman keeper.

The visitors pulled one back 10 minutes from the end and went close to equalising when Rutter kicked one off the line in the dying seconds.

Ilminster manager Ken Timson said:



◆ **OFF:** Mark Scott was one of three players dismissed at Zembard Lane.

"We were able to call on three first teamers to help get some much-needed points on the board - but overall it was a massive all-round team effort."

Timson's side face a basement battle tomorrow when they head off to face fellow strugglers Exeter-based Stoke Hill (2.15ko).

Up in the Premier Division CHARD TOWN RESERVES, currently lying in eighth-place, play their first league game for a month when they entertain Newtown tomorrow (2.15ko).

SOMERSET LEAGUE

COMBE ST NICOLAS brought an end to a three-game winless run in cup competitions in some style as they thrashed lowly Burnham United Reserves 7-1 in the Division Two (west) encounter at Slades Cross for their biggest victory for 15 months.

The Saints could be in the market for another three-point haul tomorrow when they head off to face bottom-of-the-pile Weston St Johns.

After a weekend off ILMINSTER TOWN return to Premier Division action with a tough looking trip to Bristol to face runaway league leaders Shirehampton.

PERRY STREET LEAGUE PREMIER

CREWKERNE TOWN 7 MISTERTON 1
A 7-1 DEFEAT at title-chasing Crewkerne represents something of a success for a Misterton side still shell-shocked after two massive defeats.

Jamie Spurdle put the hosts ahead and Ben Laver made it 2-0 before Sam Rabner pulled a goal back for Missy with a long range shot that keeper Matt Bisgrove failed to see.

But Pete Symes and Adam Dawe made it 4-1 before the interval and the result was beyond doubt.

Spurdle struck twice more in the second-half to complete his hat-trick and Symes completed the rout on a Hen-hayes pitch that resembled a swamp at the end.

Crewkerne joint manager Ben Cox, said: "Massive credit to Misterton who batted away for the whole match and seem to have built up some good team spirit under new manager Jon Lord."

Lord himself said: "We have high regard for Crewkerne and their quality but we never gave up and created some chances. I could not be prouder considering what the club has been through."

Mizzy keeper Ash Obern was selected as Lord's MoM.

ILMINSTER TOWN COLTS 1 BEAMINSTER 4
ILMINSTER looked on course to end their miserable six-game losing run when they led through a superb looping Adam Male half-volley after 75 minutes at the Memorial Ground.

But a second-half onslaught finally paid dividends for the Rainbows when Josh Hunter equalised. For here they cantered home with Hunter completing a fine hat-trick and MoM Adam Moss also netting on his first game back after breaking a toe in the opening weekend of the season.

"It's looks on paper like an easy win, but far from it - I applaud Ilminster for a battling performance. But the way we came at them in the second-half it was just a question of time," said Beaminster manager Dean Newman.

Ilminster manager Matt Rowsell felt his side were worth at least a point: "I thought we were possibly the better side for the majority of the match."

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 1 PERRY STREET 2

GOALS in the first 20 minutes from Dan Collins and Darren Contreras saw Perry Street leapfrog over hosts Shepton Beauchamp and claim top spot in the Premier Division table.

Dan Peach pulled one back from the penalty spot but the hosts, despite a period of domination couldn't find an equaliser.

"It's not easy when you come up against 10-men behind the ball," said Shepton manager Aggie Smith.

SOUTH PETHERTON 5 LYME REGIS 0

AFTER a good opening half-hour Lyme went close to opening the scoring when Jack Durrant smashed a shot that was superbly tipped against the cross-bar by stand-in keeper Paul Holt.

But Pethy took the lead against the run of play through Rich Hebditch who added a second soon after.

Lyme were given a mountain to climb when centre-back turned centre forward Steve Bowker nodded home from five yards.

The hosts cruised through the second-half with further goals from Lee Richards and Ash Gibson.

DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP

THE five last 16 ties that were played largely went with form.



◆ **NEW GREEN:** Murray Legg scored twice for Drimpton.

Drimpton were the day's top-scorers as they thrashed Shepton Beauchamp Reserves 8-0.

Long-time Beaminster skipper Murray Legg marked his recent transfer with two goals while leading marksman Terry Farrell took his personal tally for the season to 14 with a hat-trick.

Lee Banks (2) and Craig Lodge scored the other goals for the Greens who are now unbeaten in 10 matches.

Third Division Hawkchurch United provided a minor tremor with a 2-0 win at Division Two outfit Beaminster Reserves.

The Hawks dominated possession in the first half. Luke Harding, on target for the fourth game in succession, opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he pounced on a defensive error.

The second-half was a repeat of the first with the visitors once again enjoying the lion's share of the game.

But they had to wait until the 76th minute for Jamie Harris to round off a neat move to make it 2-0.

Meanwhile, Crewkerne Rangers marched on with a 3-2 win over Charmouth at Barrs Lane.

Jack Male put the visitors ahead in the 10th minute but Charmouth were soon level when Dan Rumsby headed home Brin Seward's excellent cross.

But Rangers, now unbeaten in five on their travels, restored their lead through Steve Dunkerton to head into the break with their noses in front.

A foul by Bill Ward then allowed

Simon Denslow to make it 3-1 from the penalty spot before Dan Watson netted a consolation 15 minutes from time.

Division Four battlers Winsham United Reserves started well against Waytown Hounds at Netherbury and could well have taken an early lead.

But the opener came at the other end when Jon Legg headed home Nat Bowditch's pinpoint cross.

Two minutes later The Hounds took full control as James Loveridge made it 2-0 with a drive from the edge of the box.

Winsh player-manager Richard White halved the deficit soon after half-time and the visitors almost equalised when they struck the post.

But Legg restored order with his second following good work from Simon Smyth.

The result was put beyond any doubt when Loveridge cracked home another 20-yarder to make it 4-1.

Legg missed a golden chance to notch a hat-trick when his late penalty was well saved after he himself had been brought down.

The remaining tie saw Tom Broome, Paul Gold and Harry Charles score the goals that earned Crewkerne Town Reserves a place in the quarter-finals courtesy of a 3-0 win over Combe A at Slades Cross.

Round up

TWO goals in each half against Lyme Regis Bantams at Woodroffe School leaves favourites Barrington firmly on course for a sixth **Division One** title.

Ian Masters (2), Andy Whitefield and Mike Towill scored for the visitors who are now unbeaten in 11 matches this season.

Winsham United recovered from a mini-slump with a 3-2 win over Chard United at Bakersfield.

The Winsh led through a Shane Partridge goal at the interval. Partridge went on to score twice more after the break to complete a fine hat-trick.

Jamie Brown and Kamil Wilk scored for United who have added to their squad with the midweek signing of Corrin Corrick from Thorncombe.

Over at Seavington Luso-Chard appeared well-placed for a much-needed three points when they led visitors Netherbury 2-1. Luso then had a penalty saved by Ambers' keeper Robin Harte.

A goal at each end saw Luso lead 3-2 at the break but Netherbury dominated after the turnaround to win 5-3. Igor Costa (2) and Tiago Casimiro scored the consolation goals.

The only game in **Division Four** saw Chard Rangers Reserves keep their first clean sheet for 43 matches as they won 3-0 at Crewkerne Rangers Reserves.

Chris Bodycombe opened the scoring in the first minute and Matt Gaylard doubled the lead on the half hour - both goals resulting from corner kicks.

The win was sealed in the 70th minute when top-scorer Kevin Cavanagh calmly slotted home his sixth goal of the season.

Chard manager Craig Whittingham gave a mention to Andrew Griffin who claimed an assist for all three goals and Jamie Bryant for a confident performance between the sticks.

PSDL TOP SCORERS

Premier Division

Dan Smith (Shepton Beauchamp) 21, Josh Hunter (Beaminster) 18, Wayne Behan (Combe Res) 13, Dan Peach (Shepton Beauchamp) 13, Mark Cawley (W&M Chinnock) and Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 11,



◆ **ON TARGET:** Adam Male scored the goal in a good performance by Ilminster Colts.

Adam Dawe (Crewkerne Town) 10, Jordan Allen (Combe Res), Steve Every (Combe Res) and all 9.

Division One

Andy Whitefield (Barrington) 15, Stuart Packer (Chard Utd) and Tom Stead (Winsham Utd) both 13, Andy Stephenson (Forton Rangers) and Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) both 12, Guy Dare (Barrington) 10, Jamie Brown (Chard Utd), Shane Partridge (Winsham Utd) and Shaun Stewart (Lyme Regis Bantams) all 9.

Division Two

Terry Farrell (Drimpton) 14, Bryan Garrett (Thorncombe) 13, Paul Gold (Crewkerne Town) 12, Dan Rumsby (Charmouth) and Simon Denslow (Crewkerne Rangers) both 9.

Division Three

Jimmy Rees (South Petherton Res) 12, Liam Male (Chard Utd Res), Nathan Doey (Dowlish & Donyatt) and Andy Dymond (Hawkchurch Utd) all 10.

Division Four

Ash Cooper (Merriott Rovers) 15, Graham Cleal (Combe B) 12, Niall Waterhouse (Uplwye Res) 11.

RESULTS - November 22nd

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP
Beaminster Reserves 0 Hawkchurch Utd 2
Charmouth 2 Crewkerne Rangers 3
Combe A 0 Crewkerne Town Reserves 3
Drimpton 8 Shepton Beauchamp Reserves 0
Waytown Hounds 4 Winsham Utd Reserves 1

PREMIER
Crewkerne Town 7 Misterton 1
Ilminster Town Colts 1 Beaminster 4
Shepton Beauchamp 1 Perry Street 2
South Petherton 5 Lyme Regis 0

DIVISION ONE
Luso-Chard 3 Netherbury 5
Lyme Regis Bantams 0 Barrington 4
Winsham Utd 3 Chard Utd 2

DIVISION FOUR
Crewkerne Rangers Res 0 Chard Rangers Res 3

FIXTURES - November 29th

CORONATION CUP SF (2pm)
Combe St Nicholas Reserves v South Petherton
Shepton Beauchamp v Crewkerne Town
DIVISION ONE CUP SF (2pm)
Barrington v Forton Rangers
Netherbury v Winsham Utd
JOHN FOWLER CUP SF (2pm)
Dowlish & Donyatt v Shepton Beauchamp Res
Kingsbury Episcopi v Hawkchurch Utd

PREMIER (league all 2.30)
Barrington Res v West & Middle Chinnock
Perry Street v Lyme Regis Reserves

DIVISION ONE
Millwey Rise v Chard Utd
Pymore v Farway Utd

DIVISION TWO
Combe St Nicholas A v Ilminster Town A
Crewkerne Rangers v Uplwye

DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers v Millwey Rise Reserves
South Petherton Reserves v Chard Utd Reserves

DIVISION FOUR
Drimpton Reserves v Winsham Utd Reserves
Farway Utd Reserves v Combe St Nicholas B

DIVISION FIVE
Merriott Rovers v Chard Rangers Reserves
Uplwye Reserves v Chard Utd Allstars

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/	Pts
Barnstaple Town	18	59	45
Ashton & Backwell	18	18	43
Wincanton Town	21	18	42
Cribbs	20	13	42
Welton Rovers	18	10	39
Corsham Town	18	19	34
Almondsbury UWE	18	18	32
Henrove Athletic	20	0	30
CHARD TOWN	27	-3	29
Cheddar	19	1	27
Oldland Abbotonians	19	-10	27
Devises Town	21	0	23
Wells City	22	-3	23
Kingsham Town	22	-23	23
Radstock Town	19	-3	22
Calne Town	21	-11	22
Chippenham Park	16	5	20
Warminster Town	18	-10	18
Westbury United	22	-24	18
Wellington	17	-8	16
Roman Glass St G	18	-22	16
Portsmouth Town	19	-27	16

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
Shirehampton	16	26	43
Bishops Lydeard	16	0	29
Clutton	15	8	28
Nailesea Utd	15	12	25
Watchet Town	15	11	25
Frome Collegians	16	8	25
Cutters Friday	13	2	22
Bridgewater Town Res	15	1	21
Fry Club	13	3	20
Minhead	13	-3	20
Wrington Redhill	13	-2	19
Berrow	16	-4	19
Yatton Athletic	15	-14	19
ILMINSTER TOWN	14	-15	15
Odd Down Res	13	-5	12
Broad Plain House	15	-7	10
Stockwood Green	14	-12	10
Nailesea Town	13	-9	8

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/	Pts
Winscombe	18	33	21
Keinstoke Lions	18	21	20
Worle	10	18	20
Uphill Castle	8	9	19
COMBE ST NICOLAS	8	18	18
Cheddar Res	10	2	15
Clevedon Utd Res	10	0	12
Highbridge Town	9	10	10
Taunton Utd 1610	10	10	10
Nailesea Utd Res	7	-3	10
Nailesea Town Res	9	-3	9
Churchill Club 70	8	-10	7
Burnham Utd Res	10	-4	3
Weston St Johns Res	10	-4	1

D & E Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	10	35	27
Heavitree Utd	11	19	25
Feniton	7	19	16
Hatherleigh Town	8	10	16
Elmore	5	8	16
Topsham Town	8	23	15
Sidbury Utd	8	12	15
CHARD TOWN RES	10	7	15
Beer Albion	9	-4	14
Newtown	12	-10	12
Exeter University Res	9	0	11
Thornerton	7	10	7
Bow AAC	9	-7	8
Seaton Town	10	-18	6
Willand Rovers Res	11	-16	5
Budeleigh Salterton Res	13	-85	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/	Pts
Sampford Peverell	10	19	22
Sandford	9	15	22
Feniton Res	10	17	21
Uplowman Athletic	9	11	19
Otterton	11	1	16
Fluxton	6	11	13
Horton Town Res	7	10	7
Priory	5	3	10
Winkleigh	7	0	9
Halwill Res	8	-7	9
Hatherleigh Town Res	10	-19	9
Starcross Generals	8	-9	7
ILMINSTER TOWN RES	12	-26	5
Stoke Hill	10	-23	5

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/	Pts
Perry Street	10	21	22
Shepton Beauchamp	9	24	21
West & Middle Chinnock	7	25	18
South Petherton	9	23	18
Crewkerne Town	5	20	15
Beaminster	9	19	12
Combe St Nicholas Res	8	20	9
Lyme Regis Res	9	-7	9
Misterton	9	-62	3
Ilminster Town Colts	9	-83	3

Division One	Pld	+/	Pts
Barrington	7	29	21
Winsham Utd	10	11	21
Millwey Rise	8	15	19
Forton Rangers	10	9	17
Netherbury	8	2	14
Chard Utd	10	4	13
Lyme Regis Bantams	9	-6	11
Luso-Chard	10	-17	9
Pymore	9	-17	3
Farway Utd	7	-30	0

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Farway Utd.....	7	-30	0
Division Two			
Drimpton.....	9	32	25
Thorncombe.....	9	10	18
Crewkerne Town Res.....	7	12	16
Waytown Hounds.....	10	7	16
Crewkerne Rangers.....	9	-4	14
Charmouth.....	11	-8	10
Beaminster Res.....	10	-2	8
Uplyme.....	6	2	7
Combe St Nicholas A.....	8	-10	6

football youths training

New academy set to open in Crewkerne

YOUNG footballers aged between four and 16 are invited to attend a brand new soccer school/academy at the Crewkerne1610 leisure centre.

Organiser Chris Parry of 'Diamond Soccer' said: "We will be giving top class Coaching sessions by qualified FA coaches to level 2 and above standard.

"The players from four to six years of age will be in our nursery group where they will be taught the very basic skills of football.

"The Nursery group will be on Saturdays from 10am to 11.30am and will cost £4 per session.

"The seven to 10s will be on Monday's from 5pm to 6.30pm at £6 per session.

"Our 11s to 16s sessions will also be on Mondays and Thursdays at £10/session.

"The sevens to 10s will also have two friendly matches per month on Saturday mornings and the 11s to 16s will have two Saturday matches and one mid-week game per Month.

"We will also be giving our under 13s to 16s a complete Fitness programme for Match Conditioning, Flexibility, and speed which will include gym work and swimming. "This will be offered to the players that want to take their football to the next level. This will be offered to our Under 11-12s for players that want to go that extra mile.

"This is a unique opportunity outside professional clubs - the main goal is to bridge the gap between Sunday football and professional football.

"When our players play we will invite pro and semi-pro clubs to play their youth squads against us on a friendly basis so that their is no pressure regarding the winning points but the competitiveness will still be there because of the opposition they are playing.

"We will be launching the project in the new year hopefully the second week in January.

"We will be putting on an open evening so that the students/players can see what we will be offering and take advantage of a free of charge taster session."

hockey chard

Triples for Maggs and Veitch

Chard A 8 Taunton Vale D 1

The CHARD 2nd XI's goal feast continued with this emphatic win and another healthy boost to their goal difference.

The team is getting into the habit of scoring early and inside the first five minutes Dan Stone had found the net.

Three more goals were to follow at regular intervals before half time, Adam Veitch grabbed the second and third and Alex Maggs the fourth before Vale reduced the deficit with the last action of the half, a penalty corner was initially saved but Chard failed to clear their lines.

Despite this defensive slip keeper Berge Balian paid tribute to the team's defensive resilience, describing it as the best performance so far this season, as Chard tackled and harried effectively whenever Vale had the ball.

Chard re-established their four goal cushion three minutes after the turnaround when Stone executed a drag flick high into the net and just inside the post from a penalty corner.

It wasn't long before Chard's use of their right flank created further goals from Maggs and for Veitch's hat-trick with slick passing and good movement off the ball.

Maggs went on to complete his hat-trick with Chard's eighth and there would have been a third hat-trick had not the Vale keeper made a stunning save from Stone's full blooded drive

from the top of the D.

Captain Gareth Eggle and the ever willing Harvey Denning on the left wing both went close to adding to the tally as did Trevor Goss and newly engaged James Spurdle as Chard turned up the pressure on the Taunton defence.

Vale are bottom of the table but competed well throughout and goalie Balian saw more action than during the win against Sidmouth & Ottery last week, finishing the match with a double save as the visitors pressed for a late consolation.

The importance of Chard's commitment defensively and eagerness to win back the ball when lost was recognised with man of the match award going to Steve Mahoney in the back four.

Umpires: Hannah McGown & Jim Sainsbury.

Squad: Berge Balian, Chris Knight, Dave Lury, Paul Tratt, Steve Mahoney, Kyle Anderson, Gareth Eggle (capt), James Spurdle, Jason Goddard, Harvey Denning, Dan Stone (vice), Alex Maggs, Adam Veitch, Trevor Goss.

Goals shared around as Chard notch half-dozen

East Devon D 1 Chard B 6
Chard travelled to bottom placed East Devon last weekend hoping to continue their unbeaten run start to the season.

They enjoyed a lot of the early possession but could not find the killer pass to open up the resolute East Devon defence.

Nick Parkinson eventually broke the deadlock finishing off coolly as the ball bounced around after a penalty corner. two quick goals followed - the first from James Float and the second Andy Swain pouncing on a rebound from the goalies save.

Durgan Cooper then scored the fourth to settle the game going into half-time.

The second half started a lot better for the home side who put Chard under pressure but some good defending by Nick Liggins and Matt Edmunds kept the home side's wingers at bay.

Duncan Lewis then scored to make it 5-0 but shortly afterwards a goal from East meant Chard had to concentrate harder as they were reduced to ten men.

Andy Swain rounded off the scoring with the pick of the goals when his shot from the top of the D left the goalkeeper no chance.

Team: Bailey, Mooney, Johnson, Swain, Parkinson, Cooper (D), Lewis, Edmunds, Liggins, Critchely, Cooper (T), Cheffey, Float. Match sponsor Porter Dodson.

Other scores:
Chard Ladies 0 Minehead 7 (Sedgemoor Division One).
ECV Normets 1 Chard 6 (South-East Division One).

Tomorrow's fixtures:
Taunton Vale 4ths v Chard Ladies. East Devon B v Chard. Chard A v Ashmoor A, Chard B - no game.

South-East 1	P	GD	Pts
Taunton Vale B	9	42	27
Yeovil & Sherb A	9	12	21
CHARD	9	18	19
Minehead A	9	4	18
Taunton Vale C	9	7	17
Taunton CS	9	10	16
Isca D	9	5	15
ECV Hornets B	9	-8	12
East Devon B	9	-17	6
Yeovil & Sherb B	9	-12	4
Torbay A	9	-33	1
Sidmth & Ott B	9	-28	-1*

South-East 2	P	GD	Pts
Bridgwater B	7	34	21
West Dorset A	8	5	18
North Devon A	8	14	15
Ashmoor A	7	28	13
CHARD A	7	32	12
Sidmth & Ott C	7	-6	12
Bridgwater C	7	4	7
Sidmth & Ott D	7	-51	4
Minehead B	7	-25	3
Taunton Vale D	7	-35	1

South-East 3	P	GD	Pts
CHARD B	7	21	21
East Devon C	7	27	18
Taunton CS A	7	27	15
Isca E	7	8	10
Bridgwater D	7	-5	8
Ashmoor C	6	-28	6
Yeovil & Sherb C	6	0	4
ECV Hornets C	7	-23	4
East Devon D	6	-27	1
(*=pts deducted)			

Sedgemoor 1	P	GD	Pts
Shepton Mallet	8	62	24
Weston-SM	8	15	21
Taunton Vale 3	8	28	18
Minehead	8	10	18
CHARD LADIES	8	-24	10
Taunton Vale 4	8	1	8
Winscombe 2	8	-24	6
Bridgwater 2	8	-21	4
Taw Valley 2	8	-15	3
White Eagles 2	8	-32	2

school sports rugby

Holyrood are District Champs!



THE Holyrood Academy Year 7 rugby team were crowned District Champions at a recent festival held at Yeovil Rugby Club.

Holyrood, who went through the whole tournament unbeaten, recorded wins over Bucklers Mead (15-5), Westfield (15-5), Maiden Beech (40-0), Preston (30-5), Stanchester (35-0) and Ansford (20-10).

scoring 31 tries in the process and conceding just five.

An Academy spokesman said: "It was an excellent team performance throughout the tournament. "But the Stand out performers were Leo Govier who scored 12 tries, Harry Clifford nine tries and Josh Hawke for his sterling defensive work."

darts chard & district

Premier Division	P	+/-Pts
Country Classics	6	36 75
High 4 & a Half	5	54 72
Rejects Return	4	32 54
BDBs	4	22 50
Phoenix Clubbers	5	-37 42
Crusaders	5	-23 36
Hobnobs	4	-16 29
Happy Sharks	4	-19 29
Phoenix Poppes	5	-43 26
Pig Jockeys	4	-30 23

Division One	P	+/-Pts
Down's	4	21 51
Pop Darts	5	0 49
We Can Do This	5	-2 49
Hopefuls	4	15 48
PAs	4	-3 38
Pirates	3	4 32
Cult of Personality	3	-7 27
Stumpy's Gang	2	-9 15
Winning Team	2	-19 10

Division Two	P	+/-Pts
Madhouse Crew	5	25 62
Key Doaks	5	16 58
HRT	4	25 51
Clownin' Around	5	2 50
Two Minute Crew	4	21 49
Red Devils	5	-15 43
Duck Fs	5	-19 40
Rare Breeds	4	0 38
Happy Days	5	-25 36
Bs Knees	4	-30 24

Stat leaders

180s: Premier - Paul Lawrence (3), Leighton Cox & Louis Wells-Burr (both 2), x15 players (1).

Division One: Mike Best (1).

Division Two: Alan Sprake (2), Dave Bealey, Steve Major, Travey Scriven and Julie White (all 1).

Chard United Res



◆ **PROMOTION CHALLENGERS:** Having finished fourth last season Chard United Reserves, currently lying third in Division Three, appear well placed to mount a serious challenge for a spot in the Perry Street & District League Division Two next season. Line-up, back row from left; Dan Scriven, Jamie Brown. Middle: Steve Scriven (Manager), Ryan Baker, Wayne Mears, Brendan Luesley, Chris Mears, Darren Wells-Burr, Liam Male. Front: George Hall, Bruno Ferreira, Luis Mesquita, Glyn Kneil, George Pitman.

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